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Proposed Bill No. 5484

LCO No. 992

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY AND SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME BENEFICIARY PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That sections 17b-261 and 17b-492 of the general statutes be
2 amended to require that the Commissioner of Social Services: (1)
3 Increase the income disregards used to determine eligibility for the
4 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary and Specified Low-Income Medicare
5 Beneficiary programs such that the effective income limits for such
6 beneficiaries is equal to the income limits used for the ConnPACE
7 program; and (2) establish as a condition of eligibility for the
8 ConnPACE program, that persons who appear to satisfy the income
9 eligibility requirements shall be required to make application for the
10 Qualified Medicare Beneficiary and Specified Low-Income Medicare
11 Beneficiary programs.

Statement of Purpose:

To enable more seniors to qualify as Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries or Specified Low-Income Beneficiaries, thereby entitling such persons to the low-income subsidies available under the Medicare Part D

program which in turn will reduce ConnPACE program expenditures by maximizing the number of ConnPACE enrollees who obtain federal low-income subsidies.